NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 41:1211,

et seq., and R.S. 56:30.3 and 56:799.1 et seq., the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

(hereinafter LDWF) will accept sealed bids on or before the 7th of October, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock

a.m., for a lease issued for the sole purpose of grazing cattle, alligator trapping, and maintaining a

single campsite at a location to be determined by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and

Fisheries ("LDWF") on the following described tract in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

<u>Township 13 South – Range 1 West</u>

Section 23: All acreage lying south and west of the Warren Canal and north of the GIWW

Section 24: All acreage in the SW/4 lying south and west of the Warren Canal

Section 25: All acreage in the NW/4 lying south and west of the Warren Canal and north of the

GIWW.

Section 26: All acreage in the NE/4 lying north of GIWW

Total lease acreage is approximately 610.89 acres and is situated in Vermilion Parish,

Louisiana

and herein identified as Tract H.

The bid submitted shall be for one year's annual rental on the Tract. The award of

this lease will be based solely on the highest bid submitted for the annual rental. This is the only

consideration that the LDWF will take into account in evaluating bids.

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The minimum acceptable bid for this Tract is \$ 3,102.84.1

The bid submitted shall be on an Official Bid Form prepared by LDWF and shall be in a sealed envelope. The words WHITE LAKE BID and October 7, 2020 (the date of the bid opening) should be written on the outside of the envelope containing your bid so that it will not be opened with the regular mail. All bids must be forwarded by United States Mail to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Revenue Section, Post Office Box 80399, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-0399, or hand delivered to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, Revenue Section, 2000 Quail Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 260, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Regardless of means of submitting bids, no bid will be considered which is received after 10:00 a.m., October 7, 2020.

Bidders must include within the bid envelope along with the bid, a certified check payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in an amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the bid submitted. The remaining 90% of the rental for the first year of the lease will be due from the winning bidder before the execution of the lease.

The check of the successful bidder will be deposited immediately in LDWF's account and is nonrefundable.

Bidding on this tract is subject to the provisions of Act 335 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The most recent LESSEE(S) may, at the sole discretion of the Secretary of the LDWF, be offered the option to match the highest bid and continue the lease, except as provided below.

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¹ This amount is the annual rent for the current year (2020). The actual rental for each year of this new lease, including the first year, is subject to increase in accordance with the cost of living index as established by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (CPI) or any revision or equivalent of any such index published by the U.S. Government.

No person, firm or corporation who is indebted to the Department for past due rentals on any WLWCA lease, or for any obligation arising out of any said lease, shall be eligible to bid on, or match any bid on, this lease.

Partnerships, corporations or LLC's shall be required to provide the individual solidary guarantees of the majority ownership or membership interests, as the case may be, for all leasehold indebtednesses and obligations.

THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED.

Bid forms and a draft of the proposed lease containing the terms and conditions are available from LDWF at the Department's website, (https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/white-lake-wetlands-conservation-area) or by contacting Schuyler Dartez at 337-536-6061 or by email: sdartez@wlf.la.gov. Bidders must be ready, willing, and able to comply with all provisions of the draft lease.

Bids will be opened via Zoom only by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on Wednesday, **October 7, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. The public may view the bid opening at: https://wlf-la.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UqrOx2buTwu0afpCFyAdug

Pertinent information regarding the lease: This lease shall commence on **February 1, 2021** and the term of this lease shall end on **January 31, 2031**. The leased acreage is within a large, impounded portion of property that includes mostly freshwater marsh. There are no water control structures on this tract, but water can be manipulated by structures on the adjacent tract within the same impounded property. Access to this tract is by shared limestone road and wooden bridge. The alligator harvest tag allotment for this tract in 2020 was five (5) tags. A map of the leased

acreage is available from LDWF at the Department's website, (https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/white-lake-wetlands-conservation-area).

Jack Montoucet Secretary Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY THE ADVERTISING CHARGES.